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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Theresa Trieu

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 May 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4,5,13 and 19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-12,14-18,20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is responsive to the applicants' amendment filed on May 3, 2006.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 13, 16 and 19 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-3, 6-12, 14-18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Berry (Patent Number 2,596,640).

Regarding claims 1, 6 and 16, as shown in Fig. 1, Berry discloses a rotary compressor comprising: a rotating shaft (27); a shaft bearing (50) which supports the rotating shaft; an oil guide groove (69) which is spirally formed on at least one of the shaft bearing and the rotating shaft to supply oil; and an oil storing chamber (68, 70) at an upper portion of the shaft bearing to communicate with the oil guide groove, and to selectively store a predetermined amount of oil therein based on forward or reserve direction of the shaft; the oil guide (69) comprising an oil passage (64) extending along a central axis of the shaft (27).

Regarding claims 2, 3, 7-12, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 20, Berry further discloses the oil storing chamber (68, 70) has a larger inner diameter than an outer diameter of the rotating shaft (27) to store the oil therein, the oil storing chamber (68, 70) being shaped like a ring and being mounted at a lower portion of the upper portion of the shaft bearing; the oil storing chamber (68, 70)

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comprising an inner diameter part which is formed on the upper portion of the shaft bearing (7) to have an increased inner diameter; the oil guide unit comprises: an oil pickup member (60) provided in the lower portion of the oil passage to feed the oil to the oil passage; an oil supply hole (65, 66, 67) formed on the rotating shaft to allow the oil passage to communicate with an outer surface of the rotating shaft via the oil supply hole; a lower portion of the upper portion of the shaft bearing (27), wherein the oil storing chamber (68, 71) comprises a ring which is mounted at the lower portion of the upper portion of the shaft bearing; the oil supply hole (68, 70) being formed at a position corresponding to the ends of the oil guide groove (69) and the oil storing chamber (68, 70).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 4, 5, 13 and 19 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

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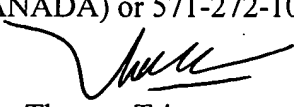
will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theresa Trieu whose telephone number is 571-272-4868. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am- 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E. Denion can be reached on 571-272-4859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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